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SUBJECT: GOH LUKEWARM ABOUT KADAR-CEAUSESCU MEETING

1. AFTER MANY MONTHS OF PERSISTENT EFFORT, CEAUSESCU HAS
FINALLY PERSUADED A RELUCTANT KADAR TO MEET WITH HIM,
EXPLAIN A NUMBER OF USUALLY RELIABLE HUNGARIAN SOURCES CLOSE
TO GOVERNMENT AND PARTY CIRCLES. KADAR'S DECISION, AS
USUAL, INVOLVED A DELICATE BALANCING ACT: UNWILLING TO
RECEIVE CEAUSESCU AT BUDAPEST UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES,
HE ACQUIESCED TO HOLDING THE MEETINGS IN TWO TOWNS CLOSE
TO THE BORDER, DEBRECEN AND ORADEA. (WHILE VISIT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED
IN PRESS, NO DATE HAS SO FAR BEEN MENTIONED).

2. FEW HUNGARIANS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS WHETHER IN
PARTY, GOVERNMENT OR MEDIA CIRCLES BOTHER TO HIDE THEIR
DISLIKE OF CEAUSESCU AND ALL HIS POLICIES, EVEN WHEN
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TALKING TO AMERICAN DIPLOMATS. NOW THAT THE CEAUSESCU-
KADAR MEETING HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED, THEY SEEM EAGER TO
STRESS THAT THESE FEELINGS PERSIST AND ARE NOT LIKELY
TO CHANGE.

3. ONE MFA OFFICIAL AT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE
RECENTLY WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH TO THE PAO ABOUT THE

PRESENT STATUS OF HUNGARIAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS. KADAR FEELS THE PRESSURE OF PUBLIC OPINION, NOT ONLY FROM EMIGRES BUT ALSO INSIDE HUNGARY, WHICH WHISPERS THAT HE HAS "SOLD OUT" TRANSYLVANIAN HUNGARIANS AND HAS DONE NEXT TO NOTHING TO TRY AND PROTECT THEIR MINORITY RIGHTS, HE SAID.

4. YET KADAR ALSO FEELS HELPLESS. THERE IS NOT MUCH HE CAN REALLY DO. WINKING ONLY SLIGHTLY, THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID THE SITUATION REALLY BELONGED TO BASKET THREE OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS. UNDER THE GUISE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION, ROMANIA ALLOWS THE EMIGRATION OF BETWEEN FIVE AND SIX HUNGRED TRANSYLVANIANS TO HUNGARY PER YEAR, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OLD-AGE PENSIONERS. ALTHOUGH THESE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO RECIEVE THEIR ROMANIAN PENSIONS, THEY CONSTITUTE A BURDEN TO HUNGARIAN SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS. HUNGARY COULD NOT REALLY ACCOMMODATE A GREATER FLOW OF IMMIGRANTS UNLESS THEY WERE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SKILLS, AND THE ROMANIANS WOULD NEVER PERMIT THAT.

5. HUNGARY IS ALSO SAID TO BE DISSATISFIED WITH ALLEGED ROMANIAN OBSTRUCTION OF MAIL DELIVERIES OF HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS TO WHICH TRANSYLVANIAN ETHNICS SUBSCRIBE. THIS IS A POINT, ALONG WITH DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AGAINST THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY, WHICH KADAR PLANS TO RAISE AT THE MEETING. BUT HUNGARIANS ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT FOR RESULTS. ALTHOUGH HUNGARIAN PUBLIC OPINION WANTS KADAR TO PUSH AGGRESSIVELY AND OPENLY, SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY

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AND GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF INTERFERING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS WEIGH AGAINST THAT. AND BESIDES, KADAR BELIEVES THAT WHILE HE IS OBLIGED TO CONTINUE PUSHING FOR PROGRESS, PUBLICITY ONLY MAKES RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS MORE DIFFICULT.

6. GOH IS ALSO SAID TO BE ANNOYED THAT ROMANIA IS AGRESSIVELY PUSHING PROPOSALS FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION, WHILE REFUSING TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS ANYTHING TO DISCUSS IN ETHNIC MINORITY RIGHTS, FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION. "I WISH WE COULD BRING THAT UP IN BELGRADE" CONCLUDED THE MFA OFFICIAL.

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